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46/15. Contribution of the Institute of East-West Dynamics to programmes and activities to promote peace in the world

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the peaceful transition to more democratic systems currently under way in many countries,

Having considered that facilitating the efforts of societies in such a transition should remain within the purview of the United Nations system,

Bearing in mind that economic and social development and international cooperation are essential to the maintenance of world peace and stability,

Endorsing therefore the need to strengthen political, social and economic links among all countries and regions of the world by promoting greater contact, exchanges and sharing of experience and expertise,

Recognizing the opportunities for broader theoretical and practical exchanges among various research and development institutions throughout the world,

1. Welcomes the establishment, at the initiative of the Conference on Resolving the Problems, Defining the Opportunities: A Project for Peace, hosted by the United Nations at its Headquarters in January 1989, of the Institute of East-West Dynamics, working in close cooperation with the United Nations, and created to assist societies in transition in developing their democratic institutions and market mechanisms through transfer of professional and technical expertise;

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2. Recommends to the Institute, in its further activities, to take into account the need to examine the issues relating to, and problems arising from, the transition, so as to ease the readjustment burden and thus avert or alleviate resulting tensions which may undermine international stability and peace;

3. Expresses the hope that the Institute and its activities and programmes will receive the widest possible support through voluntary contributions made by Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, foundations, concerned individuals and the private sector;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures in order to provide for cooperation between the Institute and the competent United Nations bodies.

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